# CITY OF FULLERTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION Approved Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting City Council Chamber Monday, October 15, 2012 6:30 p.m.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Shanfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE** 

Commissioner Lang-McNabb led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL** 

Present:

Sean Fitzgerald, Barry Levinson, Kathleen Shanfield, Carl Van Gorden, Fred

Jung, Wayne Carvalho,

Absent:

Sean Fitzgerald

Staff:

Parks Project Manager Hugo Curiel, Administrative Manager Alice Loya,

Recreation Supervisor Aaron Orozco, Recreation Supervisor John Clements, Community Center Supervisor Eloisa Espinoza, Parks Project Specialist Doug Pickard, Building and Facilities Superintendent Bob St. Paul and Deputy

Director of Maintenance Dennis Quinlivan.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Shanfield provided an update on the status of OCCYSL's soccer club public comments at the October 2, 2012 City Council meeting. At public comments, OCCYSL complained about their access to soccer fields. Parks and Recreation staff informed the Commission that this matter was being resolved by meeting with OCCYSL and accommodating them with reasonable access. In the meantime, OCCYSL would continue to work toward attaining completion of partnership or associate status.

The following residents spoke: Raul Valdivia — Fullerton Rangers James Robledo — Fullerton Rangers

CONSENT ITEMS (Items 1 - 2)

1. MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 COMMISSION MEETING

Recommendation to approve the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation September 10, 2012 Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Carvalho requested the he be listed as attending the September 10, 2012 meeting.

Commissioner Van Gorden MADE A MOTION and Commissioner Carvalho SECONDED the motion to approve the revised Minutes of the Parks and Recreation September 10, 2012 Commission Meeting.

AYES:

Jung, Levinson, Shanfield, Carvalho, Van Gorden

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN:

Lang-McNabb

ABSENT:

Fitzgerald

The MOTION PASSED 5 - 0.

# 2. MAINTENANCE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2012

Recommendation to receive and file the Maintenance Services Monthly Report for September, 2012.

Commissioner Levinson asked questions regarding Laguna Lake. Deputy Director of Maintenance Services Quinlivan responded explaining that the circulation pump was not working, causing moss to grow. He reported that the pump has been taken out and repaired.

Deputy Director of Maintenance Services Quinlivan introduced Bob St. Paul, the new Building and Facilities Superintendent.

Fred Jung asked for an update on Fire Ants.

Commissioner Van Gorden reported vandalized trail signs.

Commissioner Jung MADE A MOTION and Commissioner Lang-McNabb SECONDED the motion to approve the Maintenance Services Monthly Reports for June, July, and August, 2012.

AYES:

Jung, Levinson, Shanfield, Carvalho, Van Gorden

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN:

Lang-McNabb

ABSENT:

Fitzgerald

The MOTION PASSED 5 - 0.

REGULAR BUSINESS (Items 3 – 11)

# 3. OATH OF OFFICE

The oaths were signed by Chairman Shanfield, Commissioner Jung and Commissioner Carvalho.

#### DISCUSS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Parks Project Manager Curiel said he was looking for an appointee to the Sports Field Users' Group and Appeal Committee. He explained that any sports group that might have an unresolved issue could take the issue to the Sports Field Users' Group. He explained that Manager Loya and Acting Landscape Supervisor Wayne Elms are the staff representatives and one Parks and Recreation member will fill the other spot.

Chairman Shanfield asked who would like to volunteer. Fred Jung recused himself because of a conflict of interest. Commissioner Levinson stated an interest in serving on the Sports Field Users' Group. Fred Jung nominated Commissioner Levinson.

Chairman Shanfield appointed Commissioner Levinson by consensus.

## 5. STATUS UPDATE OF THE SKATE PARK AT INDEPENDENCE PARK

Parks Project Manager Curiel said that it has been a successful three months since opening on June 16, 2012. Fullerton Skate Association and the Ad Hoc committee is working well with staff.

Supervisor Clements made a presentation stating that Fullerton Skate Park was closed for a few years due to gang issues and resulting problems. The subcommittee worked on creating a non-profit group named Fullerton Skateboard Association.

The subcommittee has changed the operation of the park and the new procedures proactively infiltrates the groups, making positive activity. Volunteers know the kids, and it brings a positive attitude to the park.

The site has been improved with a new fence, a new front gate, and the entrance has been moved to the front. Fullerton Skate Association has painted and cleaned up the site, making it more presentable. The area between racquetball courts was fenced off and the restroom outside the gym is open now. Fullerton Skate Association regularly power washes and paints so that Graffiti is almost non existent. A chart of volunteers has been set up. City staff monitors from 12 – 3 p.m. volunteers monitor from 3 p.m. – closing.

Fullerton Skate Association covers the cost of paint and provides free labor. Vandalism is now almost non-existent. Park has been reclaimed for the youth. Police Department Corporal John DeCaprio makes regular positive visits, continuing to cooperate with the volunteers.

Fred Jung asked what the hours of operation were. Supervisor Clements responded that technically it opens at 9 a.m. and closes at dusk. The gate is open 24 hours a day.

Karen Lang-McNabb asked about injuries. Supervisor Clements stated that reports of injuries are low.

Supervisor Clements mentioned that the subcommittee is talking with BMX riders as they are not allowed to use the skate park area. The BMX riders want to emulate what the Fullerton Skate Association has done at the skate park.

The following people spoke:

#### Roberta Reid

Scott Minton of the Fullerton Skate Association thanked the commission for giving them a chance. He said it is a great group of volunteers and was pleasantly surprised, as it was better than anticipated.

MOTION by Fred Jung to continue the Fullerton Skate Association Ad Hoc Committee, SECOND by Commissioner Van Gorden.

AYES:

Jung, Levinson, Shanfield, Carvalho, Van Gorden

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Lang-McNabb Fitzgerald

The MOTION PASSED 5 - 0.

# 6. CALGRIP VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Manager Orozco explained that this is a community based school service program with community partner support. He said that at the 10/16 Council Meeting St. Jude, Fullerton Union High School District, Fullerton College, Fullerton Police Department Rangers, Discovery Science & Tutors will be recognized.

# 7. LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Manager Orozco said there are over 15 million school-aged children on their own after school. Fullerton has partnered with the After School Alliance, affordable quality after school programs. He presented a video which was filmed by a student videographer.

# 8. REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items to report.

## 9. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Manager Loya reported that Fullerton Community Center staff has been working tirelessly. Parks Project Manager Curiel stated that over 1,000 visited on opening day. Manager Loya stated that the six preferred caterers provided free food all day and it was standing room only. The pool was a big hit. Several contract teachers demonstrated various classes on Saturday. The center was opened Sunday for three hours for participants to try the gym, pool, billiards, senior lounge and library.

Commissioner Van Gorden spoke about the church carnival on the weekend of October 13 and 14 and asked about the parking. Parks Project Manager Curiel mentioned he was at the event. He stated that the overflow will go to City Hall parking lot and there were also new parallel parking spaces along Commonwealth. The carnival workers park in the lot behind Duane Winters field. City Hall and Library parking lots were full.

Recreation Manager Mauk told the commissioners about the Oliphant political cartoonist display at Fullerton Museum which will open on October 5<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned that October 5<sup>th</sup> is Octoboofest and the last date of the market. She informed them that the winter market is scheduled for the first week of December.

# 10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Levinson said that the catering food was good on opening day at the Community Center. Chairman Shanfield asked when new commission members would be appointed and thanked staff for their great support and help over the last eight years. Staff responded that it would probably be in December.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Chairman Shanfield adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Penny Loomer, Secretary

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